

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding nonfinal Office Action mailed July 31, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1-28 remain pending in the present application.

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Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Roosen et al (6,618, 163). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

For a proper rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b), the cited reference must disclose all elements/features/steps of the claim. See, e.g., E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. v. Phillips Petroleum Co., 849 F.2d 1430, 7 USPQ2d 1129 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

A. Independent Claims 1, 10, 16, 19, 23, 25, 26, 28 and their dependent claims

Independent 1 states (emphasis added):

A method in a computer system for communicating the present status of a job queue that contains a plurality of print jobs, comprising:
controlling a display device to display a plurality of images; and
wherein each image is a print preview image of a different one of the plurality of print jobs in the job queue.

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It is respectfully asserted that Roosen makes no mention of representing print jobs in a job queue using print preview view images. As noted in the present application, a “print preview” image of a print job *refers to an image that shows how at least one page of a print job will look after printing*.

With respect to claim 1, the Examiner states (emphasis added):

With regard to claim 1, Roosen et al. teaches a method in a computer system for communicating the present status (e.g. clearly depicted in fig. 8) of a job queue (21) that contains a plurality of print jobs (e.g. fig. 8, depicts the plurality of jobs pending), comprising: controlling a display device to display a plurality of images (figs 2-12, depicts the displays of print jobs pending and interactive icons, the fig. 8, *depicts the displaying of multiple print jobs pending (22); and wherein each image is a print preview image of a different one of the plurality of print jobs in the job queue (reads on fig. 8, which depicts the jobs pending and item 22, displays the document or images to be printed).*

It is respectfully asserted that the Examiner is misinterpreting Roosen. The Examiner appears to be stating that the icons depicted in Fig. 8 are print preview images. It is respectfully asserted that this is incorrect. Nowhere does Roosen indicate the Icons shown in fig. 8 are print preview images.

Thus, Roosen does not anticipate claim 1, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Further, the independent claims (claim 10, 16, 19, 23, 25, 26 and 28) are patentable over Roosen for at least reasons similar to those set forth above regarding claim 1.

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B. Independent Claim 19

With regard to claims 10-28, the Examiner states:

“With regard to claims 10-28, the limitations of claims 10-28 are covered by the limitations of claims 1-9 above.”

It is respectfully asserted that this statement is incorrect. For example, independent claim 19 recites:

19. A method in a computer system for communicating the present status of a job queue that contains a plurality of jobs, comprising:

(a) identifying those jobs in the queue that include an indicator that indicates a print preview image of the job should not be displayed;

(b) displaying a print preview image of each job in the job queue not identified at step (a);

(c) displaying a pre-defined image for each job in the job queue identified at step (a); and

wherein the pre-defined image does not reveal any of the printable information described by the corresponding job.

It is respectfully asserted that Roosen does not anticipate ANY of the claim 19 elements. Thus, claim 19 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable over Roosen and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Further, the Examiner does not indicate where in Roosen the claim 19 elements can be found. For example, the Examiner makes no mention where Roosen teaches the claim

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19 step of "identifying those jobs in the queue that include an indicator that indicates a print preview image of the job should not be displayed."

C. Dependent claims

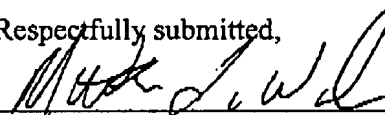
All dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from one of independent claims 1, 10, 16, 19, 23 & 26. Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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